



## PERSERVERANCE

AARA Field Day 2016 is in the Log Books. A lot of anticipation, preparation, and organization culminated into another fantastic club event. The club was better prepared, better equipped, and better involved to make Field Day very enjoyable. A few challenges lay before us, but things went a lot smoother, from equipment setup to more participation from membership, both old and new.

The weather was terrific for operating, and although it did not rain on us this time, we were all drenched due to the heat. Operators who were new to Field Day last year were very active on the bands and contributed a great deal. Operators who were new to Field Day this year were learning from Elmers and witnessed and practiced operating techniques I am certain they will continue to use. And for those Field Day veterans, it may have been old hat to them, but they were as enthusiastic as the new operators, there is just something about Field Day.

The generators were reliable, the MESH network worked great, AMOS II saw a lot of different operators, and despite poor conditions on some of the bands, we increased our contact total, operating all night and through the last second, making those final Field Day contacts until next year.

Thanks to everyone who participated, making AARA Field Day 2016 a huge success.

Mark  
W5GTI  
AARA President

## JULY 2016 AARA GENERAL MEETING

The AARA will hold it's July General Club meeting on July 7, 2016 at 7PM at the **Lafayette Science Museum**, on 433 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA.

VE testing at 6PM. Enter through glass doors on South West side.

**All AARA members are encouraged to attend.**

# AARA June Board Meeting Minutes

2 JUNE 2016

Ramona KG5HNO

The June Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mark W5GTI.

Red Cross has sold the building and we have to be out by July 1, 2016. Future meetings will be held at the Lafayette Science Museum in Lafayette, LA.

Additional meeting places were discussed as a back up to the Lafayette Science Museum in case other events are going on downtown.

There is a handicap ramp at the back of the building that we can use and the parking is free after hours and there is also the parking garage that is free.

Moving of the equipment and storage was discussed and most of the equipment can be stored in a Pelican cases that would also protect the equipment from weather and can be stored and locked in AMOS II. Once all the equipment is moved an updated location list will be given to the Secretary so we will know who has what equipment. Larry KE5KJD will take the FT-990 to his house until a later date.

Membership renewal will be done in January as per the bylaws. The club will give them 60 days to update their membership. New members will have their dues prorated quarterly. Once members renew with the Treasurer, the Secretary will update their renewal dates on the membership roster.



# AARA June General Meeting Minutes

2 JUNE 2016

Ramona KG5HNO

The June General meeting was called to order by Mark W5GTI at 7:00 PM. The May meeting minutes were accepted by the members.

Tom W5OHJ gave the Treasurer's report and was accepted by the members.

Larry KE5KJD, gave a presentation on the N3FJP software that is used specifically for Field Day contacts. This program helps when making contacts so that you do not work the same stations more than once, which will give us more points during Field Day. We need people to work the night shift. Generally, many contacts can be made after 9PM because the bands are sometimes more clear in the evening.

## OLD BUSINESS

The club antenna is still at the Children's Museum. We will need to have a work day to take this down.

Florida trip in February for Ham Fest, Ms. Jackie KF5PCH is still working on this. 56 people going would fill the bus and get us a better discount. Ms. Jackie will send us an email with the information about the trip. Our August meeting would be the deadline to sign up for the trip.

## NEW BUSINESS

July meeting will be held at the Lafayette Science Museum. Paul N5KNY mentioned that you may want to bring a sweater or jacket because the AC works really well. Paul said that we are welcome to view the planetarium if we show up early on the meeting night.

The parking is free after 5 p.m. on the streets and in the parking garage. There are soft drink machines and coffee at the museum.

An email will go out for excess inventory items to be sold by the club. What is not sold to club members will be listed on the reflector.

Membership dues will be due in January as stated in By-Laws and you will have 60 days to bring your dues up to date. Prorating dues, as per the By-Laws, will be for new members and done Quarterly. Ms. Sandy KE5KJF made a mo-

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tion to accept the January Renewal and Prorating and Ramona KG5HNO seconded the motion. It was agreed on by all the members. Please fill out a new application whenever your personal information changes and send to Ramona KG5HNO so she can update the membership roster. (NOTE: Membership applications and renewals must be submitted to the Treasurer)

Field Day is Saturday and Sunday June 25 & 26, 2016. Basically we will be at the same location at the Horse Farm. The club will be using the 3 generators for the weekend. AMOS II will be run off of a generator. Ric KF5KEL and Danny KD5JSM will be in their RV's close to the power pole. There will be canopies for the radios to block some of the sun off of the people operating the radios. There will be an information table for people to sign our guest book with pamphlets and handouts for the public.

Field Day Safety Officers will be Ms. Jackie KF5PCH and Ms. Paula KF5CNS. They will be conducting safety checks following the checklist that is provided.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



# AARA Moves OUT !!

11 JUNE 2016

Mark W5GTI

On June 11, 2016 the AARA began removing club equipment from the Red Cross building on 101 N. Pat St. in Scott. The Red Cross is moving out of the building on N. Pat St. and relocating to a new office in Lafayette. The club station was secured and all club items removed, including the tower outside that was installed many years ago. All equipment was moved to its new location for permanent storage. The move marks an end to many years of AARA meetings held on Pat St.

Thanks to everyone who helped move out of 101 N. Pat St. and thanks to the American Red Cross for hosting us in their building for all these years.

Club meetings will now be held at the Lafayette Science Museum with the same schedule, VE Testing and Board meetings at 6PM and the General Meeting at 7PM. See you there.



Photos: KF5BET



## AARA joins the Lafayette Science Museum

Starting in July the AARA will hold their General Club Meetings at the Lafayette Science Museum on 433 Jefferson St. in Lafayette, LA.

The facilities at the Museum are quite impressive with a huge conference room and an adjoining conference room with plenty of space for all. With terrific lighting, great acoustics, and built-in projector, the rooms will be ideal for the club to conduct meetings, presentations, VE testing, and all around meet and greet. They even have a fully equipped HF/VHF/UHF station that can be controlled and operated from anywhere in the building through their network.

Members of the AARA previously assisted the Museum with their Amateur Radio Technician Class license training session, and look forward to continue to provide assistance to the Museum when they convene their next class.

Special Thanks to Paul N5KNY for coordinating the move of the AARA to the Museum. Please join us every 1st Thursday for the AARA General Club meetings at the Lafayette Science Museum.

Mark  
W5GTI

# TECH TALK



# RETURNS IN AUGUST



# Field Day 2016



Photos: K5LFT, KE5KJD, and KG5KZJ





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## Local VHF/UHF Nets

### Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM  
Repeater Rotation—Check Calendar

### Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM  
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

### Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 7:00 PM  
145.410 Lydia, LA

### Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM  
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA



### Apply your hobby to Public Service

To find out more, contact an AARA member, and we will inform you of how you can help in times of emergency.

## VE Test Session

June 2, 2016

### Earning TECHNICIAN:

Victoria Paige Romero - Maurice KG5NZE  
John L. Love - Lafayette KG5NZF

### Earning GENERAL:

Monica Gros KG5NLO - New Iberia

### Earning AMATEUR EXTRA:

Kenneth Gros KG5NLN - New Iberia

### VE's:

Greg K5LFT, Ric KF5KEL, John W4HVVH, Dave N4ELM and Galen KF5BET

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## FCC AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING

VE Test sessions are held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6PM, before the AARA General Club meeting, at the Lafayette Science Museum on 433 Jefferson St., Lafayette, LA.

## National Parks ON THE AIR 2016

### National Parks on the Air

Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public.

This looks like another year long event. Should be fun!

See the website for rules and information at:

<http://www.arrrl.org/npota>

The AARA will participate in the National Parks On The Air event again with another Special Event. Date and location to be determined. Keep watch for upcoming information in your email and in the

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## WANTED

### AARA Monday Night Net Manager/Controller

The AARA Monday Night Net will be available to any AARA member who wishes to be a Net Manager or Net Controller for the Monday Night Net starting January 2, 2017.

This can be done by one person or a group of people. The Net Manager would coordinate the Net for each Monday Night ensuring a Net Control is available to call the Net, maintain records of each Net, such as number of sessions, number of check-ins, total Net time, traffic total, and at the end of each month, submit this information for publication in the *LARC*. Only one Net Manager is required for the Net.

The Net Controller would conduct the Net each Monday Night, by taking check-ins, providing announcements and other amateur radio related information, and then provide totals of sessions, check-ins, time, and traffic to the Net Manager. There can be more than one Monday Night Net Controller. One of the Net Controllers can serve as Net Manager.

If you would like to participate in the continuation of the AARA Monday Night Net, please contact me for more information.

Mark  
W5GTI

## AARA STICKERS



The AARA has 2" x 3" vinyl stickers featuring the AARA Logo, available for purchase by club members. The stickers are \$2 each (no limit) and are available at each General Club meeting.

## JUNE 2016 ACADIANA AREA VHF/UHF NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	87	0	168	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	72	0	139	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	48	0	66	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Net	4	48	0	90	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

### AARA Monday Night Net Repeater Rotation

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
JULY 4	7:00 PM	145.370 KF5VH	***
JULY 11	7:00 PM	443.000 W5DDL	103.5
JULY 18	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5
JULY 25	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5

\*\*\* When using the 145.370 SkyWarn Repeater System, be sure to use the PL Tone for your area as follows:

Lafayette 103.5 - NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The monthly net schedule can be viewed, downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/calendar.pdf>

The top 10 check-ins for 2016 will have their callsign entered into a drawing for a new Dual Band HT.



7/1	DEBBY	KE5UTC
7/1	CHARLES	K5UA
7/2	EUGENE	WA5KNC
7/4	MICHAEL	N5MJL
7/18	JOY	N5YCS
7/19	STEVE	A150
7/22	RICK	N5RLM
7/22	PAT	W5WMU
7/23	RALPH	WB5GAF
7/23	KRIS	KD5QYV
7/27	CALVIN	KD5JCT

***"If you want to make good use of your time, you've got to know what's most important and then give it all you've got."***

- Lee Iococca

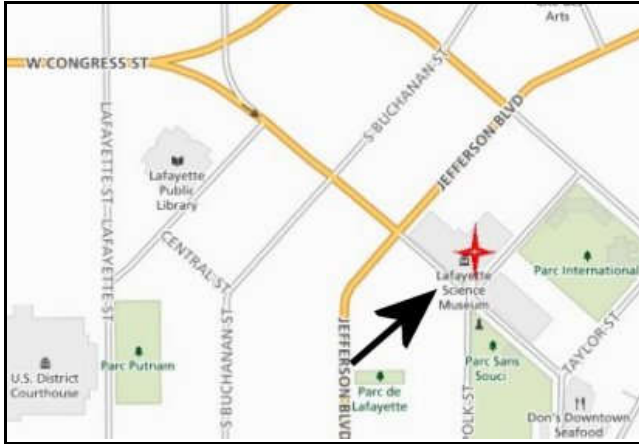
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## Shrimp and Mirliton Rice Dressing

Paul Scallan K5VSH

### Ingredients:

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 4 Small Mirlitons, peeled, seeded and chopped into 1/4" squares | 1 Tblspn ground dried shrimp     |
| 1 Medium onion, chopped   | 3 Cups cooked rice               |
| 1 Cup chicken broth or stock                                    | 2 Tblspn fresh copped parsley Or |
| 1 Crushed tomatoes (drained)                                    | 1 Tblspn dried parsley           |
| 2 Stalks celery, diced  | Tony's, salt and pepper, and     |
| 1 lb Shrimp, peeled, de-veined (90ct)                           | Hot Sauce to taste               |

### Instructions:

1. Combine mirlitons, celery, onion, and stock in heavy pot, bring to boil.
2. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer until vegetables are tender (10 min).
3. Add tomatoes, shrimp, and dried shrimp, stirring occasionally until shrimp are tender (5 min).
4. Add rice and stir to combine
5. Season with Tony's, salt and pepper, and hot sauce.
6. Add chopped parsley.

*Mirlitons are also known as vegetable pears.*

## FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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